

United States Senate

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Susanne DePietro
Alaska Judicial Council
510 L Street, Suite 450
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Susanne DiPietro and the Alaska Judicial Council:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Dario Borghesan to fill a vacancy on the Alaska Supreme Court. I think you will find him of excellent character, and committed to serving the people of this great state.

During my tenure as Alaska's Attorney General in 2009 and 2010, I came to know Dario very well, as he served the Alaska Department of Law as my Special Assistant. In this position, he worked directly with me on a breadth of issues critical to Alaska, including fish and game, Alaska tribes, our State pension system, oil and gas taxes, the Endangered Species Act, and the State Constitution's ineligibility clause, among many other things.

Dario is a hard worker, putting in many late evenings with me and our Department of Law colleagues, and importantly, he is measured, intelligent, and easy to work with. Dario put great care not only into his work, but also into building relationships within the department and the community. He has great compassion for others, shown in his commitment to helping the State of Alaska launch the statewide *Choose Respect Initiative* to combat our high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault. And after my tenure as AG, he served as the Department of Law's Pro Bono coordinator for several years, encouraging Alaska attorneys to serve our most vulnerable in their personal capacity.

Dario has worked continuously for the Department of Law since 2009, and has prior relevant experience as a Law Clerk to Alaska Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Winfree. His commitment to serving the people of Alaska is evident in his over 10 years as a public servant. I think it is important to note the majority of Dario's time with the Department of Law has been working in the Appeals and Ethics Section, where it is imperative for him to critically analyze the matters and law before him. I have no doubt his integrity and decision-making ability have enabled him to receive promotions within the department and increased levels of responsibility.

I am pleased to offer my highest recommendation for Dario to the Alaska Supreme Court, and encourage you to give strong consideration to his application and qualifications. Please also share my recommendation with Governor Dunleavy.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dan Sullivan
United States Senator – Alaska